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**JULY 16 - 20, 2008**

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE The Rev. Dcn. William Mosier



Dear Members of the ECD –

I pray that you all have had a wonderful Lent and Easter. The time after Easter seems like coming down off the mountain and getting things back to normal again. There are several things happening for the ECD that I want us all to be thinking about and praying about.

We are making big plans for our convention at the Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, New York this summer. Please mark your calendars. In February the board met with the Rev. Marilyle Sweet Page, Suzanne Johnston and Sandra LeBeouf to preview the site. RIT is an impressive place. You will not want to miss it.

Part of our work for the Convention will be the election of new officers. We have had a wonderful board of directors who have given tremendous support to me during one of the hardest periods of my life. Many of them are willing to continue on the Board. It will be important that the ECD make wise decisions on leadership.

We have some wonderful and useful workshops planned. One workshop will be about exploring new concepts of ministry using video technology and computers. Also, have you ever wondered what goes into making a church web page? A workshop will be provided on this technology as well.

A third discussion type of seminar workshop is being planned about the Claggett Statement. The Claggett Statement is a document that was first presented in 1985. It was written as a statement and a description of the Deaf Community as it relates to the total Body of Christ. It is well worth revisiting to help us remember and cherish the fact that we, as Deaf People, are an important part of the Body of Christ.

The ECD received an invitation from the Presiding Bishop to send two delegates to the the 'Summit Conference on Domestic Poverty.' This conference will be attended by myself from St. Hilda's in Oregon and the Rev. Maria Isabel Santiviago from St. Ann's in New York. Maria and I will work on a report for the ECD regarding this special meeting.

We recently received a letter from Elizabeth Kolombatovic in California. The Church of the Holy Spirit in Walnut Creek has closed. They have some things being stored and would like good homes for them. More information will be coming soon.

Finally I want to encourage all those who have not paid membership dues to the ECD to please do so. This organization is as good as our participation.

I, along with the rest of the Board, look forward to seeing you at the Convention.

(Editor's note: The original Claggett Statement may be viewed at: <http://www.urmc.rochester.edu/dwc/pdf/Claggett.pdf>. This is a PDF document that will download automatically to your computer. We also hope to have a VHS tape or DVD of the Claggett Statement signed in ASL available at the convention)

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# FROM THE DEAF CHURCH MOUSE

Greetings my friends,

It is Spring! and still it is cold, there is snow and ice, there is too much (or not enough) rain. Just wait! it will get better, as it always has in the past.

Sometimes I think that the biggest trouble with Christian people is Christian people (and maybe mice, like me). Why??

Last week a woman came into my priest's office and started complaining to the priest. She said that a certain pastor (if you watch or read the news you will know who she meant) had made her angry with his comments in his sermons and she felt that for that reason he wasn't a good pastor. She felt that he had no business talking that way about "white" people and that she, herself, didn't care for people of color. She also made similar remarks about other minorities; gay people, people who used drugs, criminals, people who looked different than "normal" people, etc., etc. She went on and on and on for almost an hour. The priest didn't say anything, but just sat there nodding his/her head once in a while and listened. I lip read her too until I had to give up because my eyes were hurting so much. I was so surprised that one person could dislike so many people for so many reasons. I think the woman must have very, very few friends if she doesn't like so many people.

When the woman finally quieted down, the priest looked at her without saying anything and then pulled over the Bible, opened it and said to the woman, "Please read that one verse". She read it and became quite pale and then quite red. The verse read: "Jesus said, 'Come unto Me all ye who are weak and heavy laden and I will give you rest'".

The word to especially notice, for my purposes, is the word ALL. Jesus did not say "Come unto Me you who are black, or white, or yellow, or red, or brown or....." He did not say "Come unto Me you who are men, or women, or young, or old, or....." He did not say "Come unto Me you who are gay, or not gay, or....." He did not say "Come unto Me you who are from Asia, or Africa, or Europe, or the Americas, or....." Jesus said "Come unto Me ALL....." and that does mean exactly what it says. ALL people who are weary, tired, have a load of pain, sin, illness, trouble, or any problem can go to Jesus and we will find rest and relief in Him. And if we call ourselves Christians, we cannot stand in the way of any person for any reason whatsoever who wants to approach our Lord and claim what He has promised to all people.

There is no way that we can stand between any person and God without placing our own souls in danger. This does not mean that we have to agree with what other people say, or think, or believe. We don't even have to like them; but if they are our brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, then we do have to love them.

I see that the ECD will have its convention this July in Rochester, New York. If I can find an empty pocket, purse, bag, or something I can hitch a ride in with someone who is going, I will be there. I hope you will come too so that we can live and learn and worship together for a few days.

Good bye my friend. May God bless us all.

Your friend,



The Deaf Church Mouse.



# The 2008 Convention of the Episcopal Conference of the Deaf will be held July 16 - 20, 2008 on the campus of the Rochester Institute of Technology, location of the National Technical Institute of the Deaf, in Rochester, NY.



The Convention this year is hosted by the congregation of Ephphatha Church of the Deaf, Rochester, NY. Members of the host committee are the Rev. Marilyle Sweet Page, Priest in Charge; Suzanne Johnston, Rochester Missioner for the Deaf, Sandra LeBoeuf, Ephphatha warden; assisted by the Rev. Virginia Nagel of Ephphatha Parish of the Deaf, Syracuse, NY.

This is your chance to visit one of the most well-known educational institutions for Deaf people, the National Technical Institute of the Deaf. Arrangements will be made for us to have a mini-tour of NTID.



## **COME - WORSHIP TOGETHER - LEARN TOGETHER - PLAY TOGETHER**

Participants should arrive the afternoon of Wednesday, July 16 in time for dinner at 6:00 PM. For those flying, be sure to indicate on the registration form your arrival time, which airline and the flight number. You will receive information about transportation from the airport to RIT.

The convention schedule (subject to change, if necessary) begins with the Opening Eucharist at 7:30 PM followed by the taking of the group convention photograph. Clergy are invited to vest for the procession and churches with banners are encouraged to bring them. Next will be the President's address and 'housekeeping' information, followed by some fellowship time. Meals each day are breakfast from 7:30 - 8:30 AM, (Sunday is a continental breakfast from 7:00 - 8:30), lunch 12:30 - 1:30 PM (except tour day, Friday, lunch on your own), dinner 6:00 - 7:00 PM (Saturday banquet begins at 5:30)



**The Rev. Elsa Pressentin** will be our Convention Chaplain and will lead us on Thursday and Saturday mornings from 9:00 - 10:00 AM

We will conduct ECD business in shorter 90 minute sessions - one on Thursday morning, one the same afternoon, again on Saturday morning and, if necessary another in the afternoon.

**Two workshops** are planned. Both will give us a new way to look at ministry ....

The first, on Thursday afternoon, will challenge us to look ahead, to think about new ways we might expand our ministries to enable us to reach out to more people. We will explore how some of the wonderful new technology available today might be incorporated into our ministries, including things like Video Phones, Video Conferencing, the Internet.

A second workshop on Friday afternoon will take one of those technologies, the Internet, and we will learn how a congregation can create and maintain a web site on the Internet that will inform visitors in an inviting way and get the word out about who we are.

After dinner on Thursday evening we will hold the **Election of Officers and Board Members**. Names of people (with their prior permission) for consideration by the Nominations Committee may be sent to ECD Secretary Cass Martensen, 2089 Golden Circle, Escondido, CA 92026 or e-mailed to Cassmart@aol.com. Following the election we will have a discussion of **The Claggett Statement**, reviewing if and how things have changed since its publication in 1985.



Friday morning, for those who signed up, the bus will leave at 9:00 AM for a ride through the beautiful Fingerlakes district of Upstate New York to the **New York Wine & Culinary Center**. We will experience an educational and entertaining guided "Taste and Tour of the Center and enjoy a delicious luncheon buffet.

People who participate in the tour will arrive back at RIT in time to attend the workshop in the afternoon, which begins at 2:00 PM.



On Friday evening we will be entertained and uplifted spiritually by a presentation from a group called **FOOLS FOR CHRIST!** The evening will end with a wine & cheese party, which is traditionally hosted by the committee for the 2010 ECD Convention. (There will not be an ECD Convention in 2009, because the General Convention of the Episcopal Church will be held that year.)

Saturday will begin with the last presentation by our Convention Chaplain and our final business sessions. Our evening festivities will begin with our **closing Eucharist** with presentation of awards and installation of new officers, followed by the **convention banquet and entertainment, THE ABABABA ROAD TOUR**, the critically acclaimed, one-man show performed by Alan R. Abarbanell. The show takes the audience on a roller coaster ride of emotion as he tells of his experiences growing up hearing in a Deaf family. Abababa is the name given to him by a friend who could not pronounce Abarbanell. He'll bring tears to your eyes, but you'll also laugh until you cry!

After a continental breakfast on Sunday morning, it will be time to say our goodbyes.

### **SOME THINGS TO REMEMBER:**

For people planning to attend the whole convention, Plan your arrival for the afternoon of Wednesday July 16 and departure Sunday morning July 20.

If you are a delegate from your congregation, please bring:

Your congregation's Little Red Church Offering

List of your members who have died since the 2005 convention

The copy of the 2005 Convention Proceedings that was sent to your congregation

If your church has a banner, bring it for the procession at the Opening Eucharist

## OBITUARIES

**ERIC F. MALZKUHN, JR. (1922-2008)** Eric "Malz" Frederick Malzkuhn Jr., died January 23, 2008 at the age of 85. Malz was born in Vallejo, CA and was the adopted son of the late Eric Frederick Sr. and Eleanor Sobeleski Malzkuhn, who raised him from infancy. He was a multi-talented man, being a playwright, song writer, poet, actor, teacher, and mentor. He mostly will be remembered as a devoted teacher. In this role, he tirelessly and selflessly shared his gifts with others. Many a life he has touched with the fulfillment of his own. He earned a baccalaureate degree from Gallaudet University, as well as an honorary doctorate. He also earned a master of fine arts degree from Catholic University. He was a member of the Gallaudet University Alumni Association and Kappa Gamma Fraternity, as well as the St. Barnabas Church for the Deaf, the National Association of the Deaf, and the Deaf Seniors Association. In addition to being a printer at various newspapers, Malz taught for the Michigan and California Schools for the Deaf, the Model Secondary School for the Deaf and the National Theater for the Deaf. He served as a signmaster for several Washington, DC theaters, helping bring signed performances to the deaf community. Although not a native signer, when he became deaf, he embraced American Sign Language with his entire being. He was particularly well known for leading the first deaf troupe to ever act on Broadway, acting as Jonathan in "Arsenic" and "Old Lace" as well as his American Sign Language rendition of Lewis Carroll's *The Jabberwocky*;. Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 62 years, Mary Claveau Malzkuhn; sons, Eric Malzkuhn, III and fiancée, Sheryl Scott-Price of Virginia Beach, VA, Brian Malzkuhn and wife, Virginia of Fremont, CA and Max Malzkuhn and wife, Sylvia Wood of Fremont, CA; grandchildren, Matthew, Melissa, Megan, Mallory and Clay. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Twiford Funeral Home, Chesapeake, VA is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.twifordfh.com](http://www.twifordfh.com).



**Ann deDuplessis Dewart**, a longtime friend of the ECD and St. Andrew's Church of the Deaf, formerly of Beverly, Prides Crossing and Salem, MA, died on March 27, 2008 at the age of 93 after a full life.

Born and raised in Quebec City, Canada, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James Stevenson, she was the widow of The Rev. Russell Dewart, Rector Emeritus of St. Peter's Church, Beverly, Massachusetts with whom she shared 59 years of marriage.

During her life, Ann was an active advocate for the Deaf, particularly in the field of religious education. For over 20 years she supervised and taught in the religious education program at the Beverly School for the Deaf. She was the first person to develop Episcopal Christian education materials for deaf children and adults, for which she received a Meritorious Service Award from the Episcopal Conference of the Deaf in 2002. Ann was also a former Trustee for the New England Homes for the Deaf in Danvers, MA. She was a recipient of the Resident of the Year Award from the Massachusetts Assisted Living Federation of America for her "acceptance, respect and celebration of differences in people, and her friendship, caring and leadership" among her fellow residents at the John Bertram House in Salem. Ann was a lifelong advocate for social justice and a source of strength and comfort to the many who sought her wisdom in the midst of personal adversity. There was always room at the table for the refugee, for school friends, the most distant relative... whoever needed a good meal and a warm bed.

In recent years Ann was a resident of the John Bertram House, Salem, MA, Masconomet Healthcare Center in Topsfield, and Linda Manor Extended Care Facility in Leeds, MA.

A service of Christian Burial was held in St. Peter's Church, Salem, MA at which the Rev. Roy F. Brown signed the liturgy, assisted by Rhea Stone, interpreter.

# NEWS FROM AROUND THE ECD

Holy Spirit Church, which formerly met in Walnut Creek, CA has closed. There are items being stored that are available to other congregations. A list of items will be sent to all congregations with full information.

## SOME CONGREGATIONS HAVE BEEN GETTING LOTS OF ATTENTION FROM THEIR BISHOPS

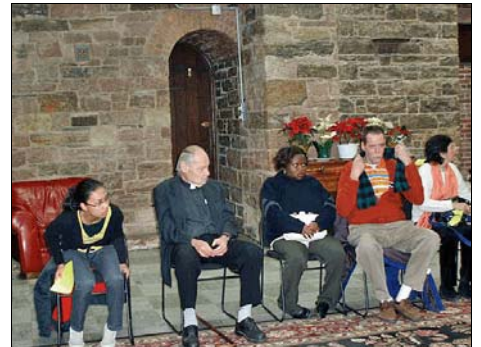
**ST. ANN'S, NEW YORK, NY.** Pastoral visit by the Rt. Rev. Mark S. Sisk, Bishop of New York on January 20, 2008. Approximately 30 people joined the Rev. Maria Isabel Santiviago, vicar of St. Ann's in welcoming Bishop Sisk, who was accompanied by his wife Karen, the Rev. Canon Andrew Dietsche and his wife Margaret, and the Venerable Michael S. Kendall, Archdeacon.



l-r Canon Andrew Dietsche, Bp. Sisk, interpreter Karen Gonzalez



l-r The Rev. Maria Santiviago, vicar of St. Ann's, Bp. Sisk and Canon Dietsche



The Rev. Henry Buzzard, retired vicar of St. Ann's with some of the congregation.



l-r Canon Dietsche, Bishop Sisk, Maria, Archdeacon Kendall



The congregation



Bishop Sisk and his wife Karen, with members of the congregation

**ST. BARNABAS', CHEVY CHASE, MD.** The Rt. Rev. John Bryson Chane, Bishop of Washington, accompanied by his wife Karen, celebrated Palm Sunday with the Rev. Barbara A. Allen, Rector and congregation of St. Barnabas'.



l-r Mrs. Chane, Tom Hattaway, Bishop Chane, Barbara Allen, and Ed Knight



Ed Knight



Tom Hattaway presents Bishop Chane with a plaque of appreciation



Barbara greets Mrs. Chane

**ST. JOHN'S, BIRMINGHAM, AL** welcomed the Most Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, her husband Richard Schori and members of her staff.



l-r Richard Schori, the Presiding Bishop, the Rev. Marianne Stephens Kroll and her husband Vernon Kroll



Lillie Ruth Smith and Marianne explain the photograph taken on the visit by the Rt. Rev. Charles Carpenter to the first St. John's Church

The Presiding Bishop was in Birmingham for the consecration of the Rt. Rev. John McKee Sloan as new Suffragan (Assisting) Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama on Saturday, January 12, 2008. St. John's Vicar, the Rev. Marianne Stephens Kroll, had signed the Gospel at that service. The next day Bishop Schori attended St. Stephen's Church, the neighboring church across the street and following that made a visit to St. John's just as their service was concluding, but in time for healing prayers and announcements. She was welcomed by the congregation and they had a brief time for questions and answers, after which they all enjoyed coffee and rolls in the parish hall.

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OR GIVE IT TO SOMEONE YOU KNOW WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN THE ECD.**

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**Location of the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (www.ntid.rit.edu)**

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- A. Full package .....\$385.00 per person**
- Convention registration fee
  - Room (4 nights) and 9 meals
  - Convention activities
  - Workshops
  - Convention banquet and entertainment
- B. Daily package.....\$ 80.00 per day**
- Convention registration for one day
  - Room one night and three meals
  - Convention activities for the day (*Banquet & tour extra*)
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- Wednesday, July 16    Thursday, July 17  
 Friday, July 18    Saturday, July 19
- C. Commuter, only.....\$ 42.00 per day, per person**
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 Friday, July 18    Saturday, July 19

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Will you need:

A sign to voice interpreter?  
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 A Tactile interpreter?

Special Dietary needs:  
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\_\_\_\_\_

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- Option B: Daily package..... night(s) x \$80.00 =** \_\_\_\_\_
- Option C: Commuter only..... day(s) x \$42.00 =** \_\_\_\_\_
- Workshops only (Thursday afternoon).....\$10.00 =** \_\_\_\_\_
- Banquet & Entertainment, only (Sat. night)....\$45.00 =** \_\_\_\_\_
- Bus Tour (Friday)..... \$55.00=** \_\_\_\_\_

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Will this be your first ECD Convention?  
 Yes    No

The tour to the NY State Wine & Culinary Center is \$55 and it is **not** included in the basic package.  
**Tour?**  Yes    No

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